

## Submitting a Position Description for Classification

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**Purpose** This guide provides supervisors and managers the appropriate steps to take when submitting a position description for classification to the servicing Human Resources office.

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**Definitions** **Classification**: the grouping of similar jobs and the assignment of an appropriate title, series, pay plan, and grade to those positions. Classification identifies and evaluates the major duties and responsibilities of a position to determine grade level. Classification is based on:

- Regular and recurring duties,
- The main reason for the existence of the position,
- The most difficult duties and responsibilities, and
- Duties that are performed at least 25% of the time.

**Position Description (PD)**: is a complete and official statement of the position's major duties and responsibilities.

**Statement of Difference**: a summary document that takes the place of a complete PD that describes a career ladder level.

**Pen and Ink Changes**: minor changes made to a PD that does not affect the title, series, or grade level of the position. Such changes may be submitted to HR via e-mail and do not require a formal classification action.

**Reclassification**: an action taken by Human Resources when significant changes have been made on a position description.

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**Prior to starting** Assemble necessary information, including:

- Having an accurate narrative of the position's major duties and responsibilities.
- Ensuring that the duties of the position will not adversely affect other employees within the organization.
- Checking to see if there is a standard position description or a similar position description that can be used in lieu of writing a new position description.
- Reviewing current staffing plans to ensure that this action is justified and supported.
- Contacting Human Resources (HR) for advice and guidance if there are any questions or concerns.

- Considering the position management impact on positions throughout the facility as well as throughout the United States Mint nationwide.

**Procedure:****Writing or Finding the PD**

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| 1    | <p>The Manager drafts a PD that typically includes the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction</li> <li>• Major duties and Responsibilities</li> <li>• Various factors of the position: the most common factors are the following:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.Knowledge Required by the Position</li> <li>2.Supervisory Controls</li> <li>3.Guidelines</li> <li>4.Complexity</li> <li>5.Scope and Effect</li> <li>6.Personal Contacts</li> <li>7.Purpose of Contacts</li> <li>8.Physical Demands</li> <li>9.Work Environment</li> </ol> </li> <li>• Please note that these 9 factors may not be the appropriate format for certain positions such as supervisory, clerical and/or wage grade positions.</li> </ul> <p>If you need assistance in developing a draft PD, contact the servicing HR office.</p> |

**Submitting a Complete PD for Classification**

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| 2 | The Manager certifies that the PD is accurate and complete by initiating a formal classification request to HR through HR Connect.   |
| 3 | HR evaluates the PD and contacts the Manager for clarification if necessary. HR works with the Manager on any necessary revisions.   |
| 4 | <p>HR obtains all other necessary information in order to complete the classification action, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bargaining Unit Designation</li> <li>• Position Sensitivity Level</li> <li>• FLSA Designation</li> <li>• Financial Disclosure</li> <li>• Drug Test Requirements</li> <li>• Requirement for a Physical</li> <li>• Other as necessary</li> </ul> |
| 5 | HR completes the evaluation of the position. This includes classifying the PD with the appropriate title, series and grade.  |

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| 6 | HR forwards the completed position description and coversheet (OF 8) to the Manager for their review and signature certifying that the position description is accurate.<br>The Manager returns the signed OF 8 to HR to certify the classification of the position. |
| 8 | HR enters the finalized PD into HR Connect.  |
| 9 | HR notifies the Manager via e-mail of finalized classification action. The e-mail includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Final PD</li><li>• PD Number (Job Code)</li><li>• PD Coversheet (OF-8)</li></ul>   |